



# IDAHO CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS' NEWS

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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the May 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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Sincerely,

William R. Meyer  
Director

### Idaho Milk Production up 7.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2006 totaled 884 million pounds, a 7.8 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 11 million pounds from March 2006. Revised production for March 2006 totaled 895 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 8.0 percent above March 2005. Average milk production per cow in April 2006 was 1,850 pounds, down 30 pounds from March 2006, and unchanged from April 2005. The average number of milk cows during April was 478,000 head, up 2,000 head from March 2006, and up 35,000 head from April 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from April 2005. March revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from March 2005.

The March revision represented an increase of 25 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,727 pounds for April, 37 pounds above April 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.24 million head, 124,000 head more than April 2005, and 13,000 head more than March 2006.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2005-2006

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	436	473	1,830	1,830	798	866	8.5
February	437	473	1,680	1,670	734	790	7.6
March*	441	476	1,880	1,880	829	895	8.0
April	443	478	1,850	1,850	820	884	7.8
May	445		1,930		859		
June	451		1,900		857		
July	460		1,960		902		
August	468		1,940		908		
September	469		1,850		868		
October	470		1,870		879		
November	471		1,790		843		
December	472		1,830		864		
Annual	455		22,332		10,161		

\* 2006 Revised.

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	164	172	2,060	2,145	338	369	9.2
California	1,747	1,788	1,825	1,850	3,188	3,308	3.8
Colorado	103	108	1,865	1,900	192	205	6.8
Florida	138	133	1,570	1,590	217	211	-2.8
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Illinois	105	103	1,605	1,650	169	170	0.6
Indiana	157	164	1,780	1,715	279	281	0.7
Iowa	192	200	1,775	1,765	341	353	3.5
Kansas	111	112	1,755	1,810	195	203	4.1
Kentucky	107	99	1,150	1,280	123	127	3.3
Michigan	311	317	1,830	1,855	569	588	3.3
Minnesota	455	450	1,540	1,575	701	709	1.1
Missouri	119	116	1,430	1,500	170	174	2.4
New Mexico	323	349	1,780	1,875	575	654	13.7
New York	646	649	1,565	1,590	1,011	1,032	2.1
Ohio	269	273	1,520	1,530	409	418	2.2
Oregon	121	121	1,610	1,530	195	185	-5.1
Pennsylvania	563	557	1,600	1,650	901	919	2.0
Texas	319	328	1,780	1,935	568	635	11.8
Vermont	144	143	1,570	1,560	226	223	-1.3
Virginia	105	103	1,485	1,535	156	158	1.3
Washington	241	237	1,965	1,955	474	463	-2.3
Wisconsin	1,234	1,241	1,540	1,580	1,900	1,961	3.2
<b>23 STATE</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,117	8,241	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,230	3.7

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2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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